

**CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

Members: Kash Akinkuowo, RoadSafetyBC
Neil Arason, Island Health
Corey Burger, Capital Bike
Jen Dyer, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Dr. Murray Fyfe, Island Health
Sgt. Andy Harward, CRD Integrated Road Safety Unit
Todd Litman, Walk On, Victoria
Steve Martin, Community Member
Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul, Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health, UVic (Vice-Chair)

Associates: S/Sgt. Doug Cripps, Saanich Police
John Hicks, CRD
Sgt. Ryan O'Neill, Victoria Police

Regrets: Hailey Bergstrom-Parker, Child Passenger Safety Program, BCAA Community Impact
Ron Cronk, Vancouver Island Safety Council
Dr. Frederick Grouzet, Centre for Youth and Society, UVic
Fred Haynes, CRD Director (Chair)
Joe Perkins, Media
Rudi Wetselaar, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement
Colleen Woodger, ICBC Road Safety and Community Involvement

Recording Secretary: Arlene Bowker

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm. In the absence of Chair Haynes, Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul acted as Chair.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

John Hicks provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Todd Litman, **SECONDED** by Andy Harward, that the agenda be approved as distributed. **CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2022

MOVED by Corey Burger, **SECONDED** by Jen Dyer, that the minutes of the meeting held on September 13, 2022 be approved. **CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul commented that it was a privilege to be part of the Commission's Data and Evidence Subcommittee which will be presenting their project proposal at this meeting.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

➤ **Update on Transportation Working Group**

John Hicks provided an update. This group is made up of municipal engineers or senior planning staff, Ministry of Transportation staff, BC Transit staff and electoral area senior managers, with the objective being to move forward certain key transportation areas. One of the key priorities is getting consistency in bylaws and regulations across the municipalities. In some cases, there are several different regulations on street crossings, etc., and the group is working to get those standardized. This month the group was looking at definitions of what AAA means in terms of how it is being mapped and how it is identified as all ages and abilities cycling and what that means, so people understand when they cross jurisdictional borders it will be consistent.

They are also moving forward with a draft bylaw to be adopted in terms of how people cross regional trails over local street networks. This varies depending on the location so are looking to introduce some standardization and introducing elephant's feet as well. This means that cyclists will be able to ride through a crossing if it is marked with elephant's feet.

Another piece is the draft guidelines in terms of road closures, i.e., what happens with road closures and detours when work is being done on the regional trail network and we how we work on that with municipal partners. Regional Parks staff are working with the group on this issue.

In response to a question, John commented that the AAA definition comes from the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NATCO) and is used in BC Active Transportation Guidelines. It is planned to mesh those two together to get consistency across the region. Anything to do with a bylaw change would go through to each municipal government for a bylaw amendment.

Once more of the bylaw information goes out, there will likely be a request coming back for the Commission to assist with an education program on the bylaw changes.

Action: John Hicks to circulate NATCO document next week

➤ **Data and Research Proposal**

Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul thanked members of the Data and Evidence Subcommittee for their work in putting this proposal together.

Subcommittee Chair Arason spoke on the data and research proposal. The subcommittee consisting of Neil Arason, Steve Martin, Corey Burger, Todd Litman and Paweena Sukhawathanakul was formed at the last meeting with the goal of establishing an evidence base for the Commission work. As outlined in the proposal, the purpose of the project would be to document factors that contribute to serious injury and fatal collisions in the Capital Regional District and the Malahat Highway. Funding in the amount of \$12,000 is requested for a graduate student who will be tasked with looking at the data under the supervision of Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul. The term of the project would be November 1, 2022 to April 28, 2023 but does not preclude other phases.

Data sets that may be used to inform the project are listed as iDOT, ICBC, BC Government Open Data, Traffic Data Map, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Bikemaps.org and WalkandRollmaps.org., plus other data sets that may be available. The subcommittee will be meeting with Commission member Colleen Woodger re accessing ICBC data.

Discussion took place on the proposal with comments as follows:

- The reason for the project is to develop a foundation for planning by looking at what the data and evidence shows about where fatalities and serious crashes are occurring, and to identify data gaps.
- Asking for coordinated effort as many Commission members have access to data.
- Would be useful to get data from Coroner's Service if available.
- Off road mountain biking injuries will be excluded.
- Interested in the issue of how roadway and trailway conditions affect crash rates so ideally, we would be working toward developing that detailed information. Is there any reason to include more wording on that or assume the reference to other data sets includes it all?
- Issues can be added as they come up as ancillary recommendations to be considered in other phases down the road, etc. This proposal is what we can do in this immediate period of time. April is an aggressive timeline but there could be an extension if needed.
- Would community health data surveys for school children and adults be useful? They do provide a general idea about risk factors and behaviour.
- Document could change weekly with more data sets added. This is more like a document about principles and can consider other sources of data as it evolves.
- Consider the project as a process that we integrate members of Commission throughout and provide updates when data received and then add in other variables as we see fit.
- Could get Board advocacy for any barriers to accessing data.

- Info from police is provided to ICBC, however, police do go to crashes which aren't reported to ICBC. Police members can assist with getting that information.
- Can get data on enforcement, e.g., traffic citations or stops by various types of violations, from RoadSafetyBC. We may want to add that if we are adding more categories of data.

Action: Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul to update proposal to reflect suggested additions

MOVED BY Neil Arason, **SECONDED** by Murray Fyfe, that the Commission approve expenditure of \$12,000 to fund a project to document factors that contribute to serious injury and fatal collisions in the Capital Regional District and the Malahat Highway. **CARRIED**

John Hicks confirmed that funds can come from the current year's budget.

6. Priority Business

➤ Budget Update

There is not much change to the budget. In September/October, reports are closed for a short period of time and forecasts for next year go for approval. There will be an inflationary increase to the budget, and it will need to be determined what flexibility we have around the carryover. The scholarship funds that we have received through donations have been moved so they won't show up as a surplus every year.

If you have any projects, please bring them forward to the next meeting.

➤ BCACP Calendar

- October – Drive Relative to Conditions Campaign (Speed/Pedestrian)
- December – Winter Impaired Driving Campaign

The purpose of putting the BCACP calendar initiatives on our agenda is to act as a reminder for the Commission re the focus of our partners and to try and frame our advertising to support them. We could do the advertising ourselves or support any of our partners with additional funding to expand their campaigns.

The "Let's Get Visible" campaign will be held on October 27 at the Switch Bridge to remind people of the seasons changing and encouraging use of lights, reflectors, etc. Motorists will be targeted as well. The campaign is being supported by the reflectors funded by the Commission and they are also available for use by members for any campaigns they are doing.

Steve Martin raised the issue of putting pressure on the provincial tax system for having safety equipment be exempt from provincial sales tax. John Hicks noted it is within our bylaw to do something like that, but it would have to be a motion carried forward from the Commission, would need some background and someone would need to speak to it at Committee. John will try to determine what the reception would be if we did bring this forward. It was suggested that we develop something and wait for the right timing.

Action: Add to November meeting agenda

A question was raised regarding the status of our advertising videos and members requested that links for the videos be forwarded.

Action: Ask Dr. Frederick Grouzet to circulate links to advertising videos

7. Other Business

Corey Burger noted that the new Motor Assisted Cycle Regulations were published today. He will forward a link for distribution.

8. Member Updates

➤ RoadSafetyBC – Kash Akinkuowo

- Currently doing the Drive Relative to Conditions Campaign and the Shift into Winter campaign is coming up with messaging around early darkness, winter tires, etc. Messaging on pedestrian safety will be included as well.

- **ICBC – Colleen Woodger**
No update
- **Youth and Children – Hailey Bergstrom-Parker**
No update
- **Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health – Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul**
No update
- **CRD – John Hicks**
 - Next week bike counters will be out on the streets and trails doing a manual count to identify volumes and gender and also numbers of children.
- **Integrated Road Safety Unit – Andy Harward**
 - The driving and cell phone campaign held last month across the region has finished and will be moving onto driving speed relative to conditions campaign.
- **Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement – Rudi Wetselaar**
No update
- **Vancouver Island Safety Council – Ron Cronk**
No update
- **Capital Bike – Corey Burger**
 - Last week was fall Go by Bike week. Rides need to be logged by Sunday. It's a form of advocacy to the province to let them know that people are cycling.
 - Gearing up for thinking about the new Council and Board terms and what the next four years will look like.
 - They will be recruiting for their Board of Directors in the next couple of months so if members know of anyone who might be interested, put them in contact with Corey.
- **Walk On, Victoria – Todd Litman**
 - Following the City of Victoria's new 30 km/h speed limit on local streets and are looking forward to seeing how that is implemented and how it will affect pedestrian safety.
- **Municipal Police Forces – Sgt. Ryan O'Neil, Victoria Police**
 - Finished their distracted driving campaign.
 - Attending the BC Chiefs of Police Convention in Vancouver next week. His subcommittee prepares the BCACP traffic safety calendar, and it will be distributed after the convention.
- **BC Transit – Dallas Perry**
No update
- **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Jen Dyer**
 - Last week chain checks for commercial vehicles were done on the Malahat as an educational exercise. No tickets were issued.
 - Currently preparing for the rainy season and monitoring flood sites from last year's atmospheric river to make sure they are stable. Also monitoring drainage infrastructure, culverts, ditches, catch basins, etc., and working with media team to educate the public on jurisdiction and responsibility when it comes to culverts. The Ministry maintains cross culverts that go under roads, and private landowners are responsible for their driveway culverts.
 - Capital projects update: Highway 14 widening between Otter Point and Woodhaven Road is now complete; Highway 14 realignment at Gillespie is still ongoing; the Mt. Newton X Road bus queue jumper is nearing completion; the Keating X Road flyover project should be tendered by the end of November; and the Malahat at Tunnel Hill project is underway.

➤ **Island Health – Neil Arason**

- The Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program is funded by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Last year there were six projects in Island Health with the following two being in this region: Installation of solar powered pedestrian and cyclist crossing signs where the Galloping Goose crosses Happy Valley Road; installation of two solar powered speed feedback signs and new school zone pavement markings by Macaulay Elementary School.
- On November 1, year 2 of the Vision Zero Program will be launched and will be open for a couple of months to local governments, non-government organizations, parent advisory councils, etc. There are two streams – one for non-indigenous governments and one for indigenous governments. They are hoping to get some indigenous applicants so if anyone can get the word out on that, it would be appreciated.

➤ **Working Group for UVic Centre on Youth and Society Joint Project – Dr. Frederick Grouzet**
No update

9. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2022 at 12:30 pm. On motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.